

Sinclair Broadcasting has decided to have their stations air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. This clearly illustrates the dangers of media consolidation.

The public airwaves are free of charge. Therefore Sinclair is obligated by law to serve the public interest. However, when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.